

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Toshikatsu FURUNAGA, et al.

Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of  
Application No. 09/275,040  
filed November 29, 2000

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: October 22, 2001

For: SIZING AGENT AND RECORDING PAPER COMPRISING SIZING AGENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/725,040 filed November 29, 2000, the  
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

Divisional of Application  
Serial No. 09/725,040

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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